

CLAIMS

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1. A safety seat comprising, a seat body including a base portion for being positioned on an existing seat of a vehicle and a back portion extending up from the base portion, divider means connected to the seat body for subdividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side-by-side, releasable anchoring means for connecting the seat body to anchorage points in the vehicle for securing the seat body therein; **characterised by** support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the leg assemblies incorporating energy absorbing means adapted to absorb energy in the event of the vehicle being involved in an accident.

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2. A safety seat comprising a seat body including a base portion for being positioned on an existing seat of a vehicle and a back portion extending up from the base portion, divider means connected to the seat body for subdividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side-by-side, releasable anchoring means for connecting the seat body to anchorage points in the vehicle for securing the seat body therein; support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the leg

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assemblies comprising an upper generally horizontal portion and a vertical portion, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to absorb energy in the event of the vehicle being involved in an accident.

- 5 3. A seat according to Claim 2, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to move telescopically.
4. A seat according to Claim 2, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat.
- 10 5. A seat according to Claim 4, wherein the horizontal portion comprises a rod secured in a tube.
6. A seat according to Claim 1, wherein the forward end of the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly in the event of a crash.
- 15 7. A seat wherein the seat body has elongate sockets extending in a forwards direction when the seat is located in the vehicle, and the sockets are positioned, dimensioned and arranged to accommodate the horizontal portion of the legs as defined in any of Claims 1 to 6.
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